

Before igniting a smokeless powder fuse yesterday afternoon which started 100,000 pounds of contaminated TNT on its way to fiery destruction at the Joliet Arsenal, each of the 200 "beds" containing 500 pounds of the high explosives, was carefully inspected. Shown here looking over the first bed are, left to right: Lt. Robert McCann, post engineer; Jim McMurray, burning pit foreman, and Capt. Cory Travers, executive officer of the Joliet Arsenal. The dark area of flake, rust in color, is the top portion which had been dried from exposure to air, while the light patches, yellow in color, are TNT in its normal form. (Herald-News photo.)